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SUBJECT: THE NLA PASSES THE FIRST READING OF THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION

1. THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (NLA) APRIL 3 PASSED THE FIRST READING OF THE CONSTITUTION BY A VOTE OF 209 TO 3. THE NLA THEN OPENED NOMINATIONS FOR THE 35-MEMBER COMMITTEE TO RE-WORK THE DRAFT ON THE BASIS OF THE DEBATE OF THE LAST FEW WEEKS. THERE WERE 61 NOMINATIONS FOR THIS COMMITTEE AND WE ANTICIPATE A GOOD DEAL OF ELECTIONEERING THIS EVENING SINCE THE ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 4.

2. FOLLOWING COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE DRAFT,
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THE CONSTITUTION WILL GO THROUGH A SECOND READING AND

THEN A THIRD. ONE PROMINENT NLA MEMBER ESTIMATES THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE TWO TO FOUR WEEKS FOR ITS DELIBERATIONS, AND THE NLA UP TO A MONTH FOLLOWING THAT IN GOING OVER THE SECOND READING. HE CLAIMS THE THIRD READING WILL BE RAPID AND PRO FORMA, WITH A YES OR NO VOTE ON EACH OF THE CHAPTERS.

3. WE ARE TAKING NO BETS, BUT CONSTITUTIONAL PROMULGATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN JUNE.
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